IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Masini

Serial No.: 09/523,503

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Group No.: 3739

Examiner:

For: OPTIMIZING PATELLAR FEMORAL MECHANICS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE **DEPTH REFERENCING**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 3, replace "60/120,062" with -60/124,062".

Remarks

By this preliminary amendment, a typographical error has been corrected to the serial number of the present application's priority document. An executed Substitute Declaration/Power of Attorney is enclosed, reflecting the correct serial number of the provisional application to which this application claims priority.

Date: May 30, 2000

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